COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

SPECIAL PERMIT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

EVA & SHAWN BERRIMAN, SP 2013-MV-097 Appl. under Sect(s). 8-914 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit reduction of minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to permit addition to remain 25.9 ft. from front lot line. Located at 2504 Jamaica Dr., Alexandria, 22303, on approx. 6,145 sq. ft. of land zoned R-4 and HC. Mount Vernon District. Tax Map 83-3 ((9)) (2) 13. Mr. Byers moved that the Board of Zoning Appeals adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the captioned application has been properly filed in accordance with the requirements of all applicable State and County Codes and with the by-laws of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice to the public, a public hearing was held by the Board on February 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board has made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The applicants are the owners of the land.
- 2. The Board has determined that the application meets all the criteria A through G for a mistake in building location.
- 3. As an additional rationale, the square footage of this property is very small. It is a little over 6,100 square feet.
- 4. The property itself was built in 1942, and it was remodeled in 2010.
- 5. The proposed addition is exactly the same depth as the sun porch, which is being replaced and was in disrepair.

THAT the applicant has presented testimony indicating compliance with Sect. 8-006, General Standards for Special Permit Uses, and the additional standards for this use as contained in the Zoning Ordinance. Based on the standards for building in error, the Board has determined:

- A. That the error exceeds ten (10) percent of the measurement involved;
- B. The non-compliance was done in good faith, or through no fault of the property owner, or was the result of an error in the location of the building subsequent to the issuance of a Building Permit, if such was required;
- C. Such reduction will not impair the purpose and intent of this Ordinance;
- D. It will not be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity;
- E. It will not create an unsafe condition with respect to both other property and public streets;
- F. To force compliance with the minimum yard requirements would cause unreasonable hardship upon the owner; and
- G. The reduction will not result in an increase in density or floor area ratio from that permitted by the applicable zoning district regulations.

AND, WHEREAS, the Board of Zoning Appeals has reached the following conclusions of law:

- 1. That the granting of this special permit will not impair the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance, nor will it be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity.
- 2. That the granting of this special permit will not create an unsafe condition with respect to both other properties and public streets and that to force compliance with setback requirements would cause unreasonable hardship upon the owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the subject application is **APPROVED**, with the following development conditions:

- 1. This special permit is approved for the location of the addition (open porch), as shown on the plat titled, "Plat Showing Improvements on Lot 13, Block 2, Section One, Fair Haven," prepared by George M. O'Quinn, Land Surveyor of Dominion Surveyors, dated April 6, 2011.
- 2. All portions of fencing over 4.0 feet in height in the front yard shall be reduced to a maximum height of 4.0 feet.
- 3. All applicable permits and final inspections shall be obtained for the addition (roofed porch).

This approval, contingent upon the above-noted conditions, shall not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards.

Pursuant to Sect. 8-015 of the Zoning Ordinance, this special permit shall automatically expire, without notice, six (6) months after the date of approval unless the use has been established as outlined above. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant additional time to establish the use if a written request for additional time is filed with the Zoning Administrator prior to the date of expiration of the special permit. The request must specify the amount of additional time requested, the basis for the amount of time requested, and an explanation of why additional time is required.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Beard was not present for the vote.

A Copy Teste:

Lórraine A. Giovinazzo, Deputy Clerk

Board of Zoning Appeals